

WEALTHY FARMER IS ARRESTED ON MURDER CHARGE AND CONFESSES

Authorities Searching For Other Bodies of Missing Farm Hands Think They Have Another Belle Guiness Case on Their Hands

(Special from United Press.)
Fowler, Ind., May 3.—Giving details as to the manner in which he disposed of the remains, John Poole, a wealthy farmer living near here, today, confessed to Sheriff Shackleton that he had chopped up the body of Joseph Kemper, employed by him as a farmhand, and afterward buried it in a field near his house. Poole denied, however, that he deliberately murdered Kemper, declaring that he accidentally shot the farmhand while they were hunting.

Poole's claim of an accident is discredited by Sheriff Shackleton, who says that every indication points to the fact that Kemper was murdered in the kitchen of the farm house. As to Charles Clark and Charles Mack, two other farmhands who are missing and now believed to have been slain by Poole, the accused man declared he knew nothing. He said they had left his place of their own free will and that he had not heard from them since.

BADGER GIRL AND THREE MEN PLEAD GUILTY TO WORKING UP-TO-DATE GAME WITH FRILLS

(Special from United Press.)
Washington, May 3.—Wearing a Paris model gown which she had purchased for \$200, 20-year-old Florence Bennett Knott, the "badger girl," went on the witness stand today and sobbed out every detail of how she lured Charles Rosenthal, a local merchant, to her fashionable apartment and played with him as a cat with a mouse, while her husband, James B. Knott, photographed him through holes bored in the apartment walls. The photographs were made for \$5,000 blackmail.

Knott, his brother Benjamin, and his friend, Albert H. Armstrong, pleaded guilty to having planned and executed the "badger game." Judge Wright, however, declared the statement made by Knott indicated that he was innocent and ordered the others to be tried by a jury. He said indications were that Rosenthal had been lured to the apartment by the "badger girl" and that he believed the "badger girl" was released on parole.

BUCKINGHAM DEFOUNDS USURY

Pleads Before Legislative
Committee for Law to
Prevent the Muleting of
Needy People.

(By Our Special Correspondent.)
Hartford, May 3.—The hearing on the bill introduced by Representative Joshua Meltzer aimed at the sharks so-called was held before the Judiciary committee, yesterday afternoon. Mr. Meltzer made an admirable presentation of the case against the continuation of the practices now in vogue on the part of many engaged in the loan business. He said under the present law it was impossible to successfully prosecute offenders as the lenders successfully placed themselves behind the excuse of usury. In this state, Mr. Meltzer introduced Mayor E. T. Buckingham of Bridgeport who he said had taken a commendable interest in the effort to stop the practice of usury. He was talking in favor of the bill and his opinion that could not afford to be represented by paid attorneys. He had caused a great deal of investigation to be made into the conduct of this business, using detectives, and had secured evidence that in some instances poor people who had pawned their property for a few dollars were compelled to pay from 60 to 100 per cent per annum upon the money borrowed. He believed such a condition was shocking and a disgrace to the State. He told of his ineffectual efforts to secure prosecution. He said in every instance where an effort was made to secure an arrest the prosecutors had said that under the law they were unable to make out a case, as the lenders claimed that their loans were based upon some of these mortgages and what appeared to be an excessive charge as interest on the loan was really due to the expense of personally investigating the character of the borrower.

Senator Garry Paddock of Bridgeport and Senator Archibald McNeill of Bridgeport also on record in favor of Representative Meltzer's bill. Senator Paddock said he knew of one case in Bridgeport where interest at the rate of 12 per cent was charged to one poor person compelled to borrow a small sum.

Attorney George Hall of New Haven and Attorney Edgar P. Hayes of Waterbury appeared in favor of money lenders and against any change in the present law.

50 ARMED SHERIFFS AND STATE POLICE TO CHECK STRIKE

Situation Critical, Today at Collinsville Plant on Account of Threats to Close up Shop

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Collinsville, Conn., May 3.—With about 50 armed deputies, sheriffs and state police trying to hold in check the threatening strikers at the Collins Company's plant, the situation, today, was more acute than at any time since the opening of the strike two weeks ago. Three hundred grinders are out on strike, demanding for higher wages and better working conditions. The men are mostly foreigners and are banded together in a sort of fraternal organization unlike the American labor union. About 2,100 men are employed in day and night shifts at the plant.

SHOE MEN PROTEST AGAINST FREE LIST IN RECIPROCITY BILL

(Special from United Press.)
Washington, May 3.—Mid-western shoe manufacturers appeared before the Senate committee on Finance, today, to protest against the placing of footwear on the free list in the Canadian reciprocity bill, and pleaded for an increased duty on shoes.

GERMAN ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION STARTS

(Special from United Press.)
Berlin, May 3.—The German Antarctic expedition under the leadership of Lieutenant Richter left Hamburg today for Buenos Ayres, on board the Deutschland, specially constructed for navigation in polar regions.

GEO. B. BUNNELL, SHOW BUSINESS VETERAN, DEAD

Passes Away This Morning At Home at Greens Farms

Ran Bunnell's Theatre Here and Hyperion in New Haven—Friend of Barnum

George B. Bunnell, one of the last of the old school of showmen contemporary with P. T. Barnum, died at his residence in Greens Farms this morning after a lingering illness of Bright's disease. He was 75 years of age.

McKENNA TESTIFIES IN ROBE OF OFFICE

Examined by Klein He
Takes up Charges
in Detail and Ex-
plains Each Accu-
sation

City Engineer Maurice F. McKenna held the witness stand for more than an hour and a half at the continued hearing in the council chamber, City hall, last night of the probe into his office. The direct examination of McKenna, by his attorney, Jacob B. Klein, was only fairly well under way when it was nearly 11 o'clock and adjournment was taken until Thursday night, when Klein will resume his examination of McKenna.

EVERYTHING IN READINESS FOR BIRDMAN

Captain Paul Boynton stated today that every detail of his arrangements for the flying exhibitions at Steeplechase Island next Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoon, May 5, 6 and 7, by Earle L. Ovington, his first time in the air, on the 13th of the month, made his first flight on a 13th day and a Friday and was number 13 among the flying aviators in America. He thinks it is a huge joke that Lloyd's London insurance exchange refused to insure his life for an annual premium of \$40 per year.

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Meeting of Teachers' Association Is Called for High School, Tonight, and Plans Made to Send Committee to the Board of Education.

AXE FACTORY FIRE AT WESTON DOES \$15,000 DAMAGE

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Westport, May 3.—The axe factory of T. W. Bradley Sons, Inc., at Weston, was damaged by fire to the extent of \$15,000, early today. Only the two buildings housing the office and the storerooms were saved, the tempering, forging, grinding and boiler departments going up in smoke. The fire started in the grinding room from an unknown cause. The fire fighters of this place went to Weston to aid in fighting the flames but no effective work could be done with the available buckets. About 20 men have been thrown out of employment by the fire.

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Superintendent Deane, announced at 2:10, this afternoon, that his bulletins announcing a salary cut to teachers of less than five years experience in the service of the city, would be withdrawn. He said:

"I believed that it was not the intention of the Board of Education to grant the \$100 to those whose experience ranged over only a few years, but \$50 each year. In my talk with members of the board today they disagreed with me, informing me that they had decided upon a flat increase of \$100. Under the circumstances the ruling I made will have to be changed."

A difference of opinion between Dr. Charles W. Deane, superintendent of schools, and the members of the Board of Education, relative to the increase of pay given to Bridgeport teachers, by the action of the board, raised a storm of disapproval among the teachers today. Some teachers refused to sign the pay roll checks and a meeting of the Teachers' association was promptly called, to discuss the situation.

The board voted, or thought it did, to give each teacher employed in the grades, a flat raise of \$100. But the rule as interpreted by Dr. Deane only gives the increase to those who have taught for more than five years.

The trouble grew out of the schedule of salaries posted by Dr. Deane's order, yesterday, which indicated for some teachers an increase of \$25 and for others but \$50 or \$75. Results were promptly forthcoming. Teachers who had not received the full increase refused to sign the pay roll checks.

The teachers' meeting was next arranged. A committee will be appointed to confer with the board and with Dr. Deane. The meeting will be held in High School.

Various members of the Board of Education, when questioned this afternoon, stated that it was their impression that every teacher in the city was to receive an increase of \$100 outright. The minutes of the meeting of December 30, 1910, at which time the new schedule was adopted, read in part: "The increase next year to be limited to \$100 in each individual case."

"There is a misunderstanding between Dr. Deane and the other members of the Committee on Schools," said Elmer H. Havens, chairman of that committee, this afternoon. "The bulletin, posted under the name of Dr. Deane yesterday is an interpretation of the ruling of the board by Dr. Deane himself, made it is claimed without the consent of the members of the Committee on Schools."

"The bulletin which is causing the teachers to say things, follows: 'The Board of Education has voted to extend the contracts to July 1, 1911 with teachers now teaching, the salaries from April 1 to be in accordance with the new schedule.'"

"The schedule gives an increase of \$100 to each teacher who has taught in Bridgeport five full years prior to Sept. 1910."

"Those beginning late in the years 1906-7 and 9, 25 less than the above amounts."

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